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A motion to adjourn was duly made, seconded and carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Delores B. Fetta
Council Secretary

Approved David A. Gessert
David A. Gessert, Council Chairman

October 23, 1984
Date

Rosemary A. Rascati
Rosemary A. Rascati, Town Clerk

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Summary/Town Council Minutes

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Town Council Meeting

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7:30 p.m.

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A regular meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held in Council Chambers, called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Gessert. Answering present to the roll called by Town Clerk Rascati were Council members Bergamini, Diana, Gessert, Holmes, Killen, Krupp, Papale, Polanski and Rys. Also present were Mayor Dickinson, Town Attorney Vincent T. McManus, Jr. and Thomas A. Myers, Comptroller. The pledge of allegiance was given to the flag and the following invocation was given by Reverend Dale L. Moyer, St. Paul's Episcopal Church:

Lord, our God, creator of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. I praise you for your graciousness to the men and women of this earth, for creating a place in which we can live and grow and strive and make mistakes as well as forgive them. I thank you for our nation and for the Town of Wallingford. I pray that you will especially bless its citizens, protect us, and try to direct us. I thank you for this Town Council, for our Mayor. Help them especially during this national political campaign to keep their heads at the local level, to see not the need of the national political movement so much as the need of our own community the the necessity to work together for the need of this community. Give them wisdom and strength; help them to stick to their convictions and to work in such a way that it will benefit the whole town. Bless this meeting and all those who attend. Help us to be supportive of our representatives--to strengthen them in their work. I ask it in the name of your son. Amen.

Mr. Gessert commented that he was notified this weekend of the sudden death of Murt Howard, probably one of the finest gentlemen in the Wallingford Police Department. It is a tremendous loss to the Police Department and to the town. A moment of silence was observed in his honor.

Public Question and Answer Period

Mr. Gessert commented on the poor condition of Pulaski Highway and asked the Mayor to look into this situation.

Mr. Krupp moved a transfer of \$760 from 701-135 and \$220 from 701-130, a total of \$980 to 701-410, requested by Planning & Zoning. Mrs. Papale seconded the motion.

Miss Bush explained that the application fee charged is to pay for the required legal notices. Applicants were billed by the Record-Journal for advertising until it was discovered that this process was incorrect and this was not known at budget time.

Miss Bush explained that money taken in for fees goes into the General Fund and P & Z pays advertising costs from their line items. Mr. Krupp felt that the department is losing money and Miss Bush stated that more money is taken in than is being spent. She also explained that there is money available due to the resignation of her secretary. Mr. Rys asked if all the money would be expended in the line item for recording secretary and Miss Bush felt it would be used with the amount of meetings being held.

Mr. Killen asked what rate of pay the part time clerk would receive while acting as secretary and Miss Bush stated she would receive the rate for secretary while acting in this capacity and Mr. Killen felt there was something radically wrong with this procedure. Mr. Killen asked if the money could be taken from 701-135 rather than 805-319 and Miss Bush explained that the money was taken out of this account for a two month period.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved an appropriation of \$1,000 from 805-319 to 701-410, Planning & Zoning, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Krupp asked if the total of \$1,980 is needed for the next month or two and Miss Bush hoped it would cover the balance of the fiscal year. Mr. Krupp felt it was too early to take \$1,000 from 805-319 and at a later date, money may be available for transfer within P & Z budget. Mr. Polanski felt 805-319 should not be used at this point either. Mr. Killen suggested that Miss Bush review her accounts to keep the transfer within her department.

Mrs. Bergamini withdrew her motion and Mr. Holmes withdrew his second.

Mrs. Papale removed from the table the subject of acceptance of Brookview Avenue, Loving Lane, Jodi Drive, Gaye Lane, Lori Lane and Ridghill Road (Parker Farms Estates) and acceptance of Sections 1, 2 and 3 of High Hill Acres, seconded by Mr. Killen.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of Brookview Avenue, Loving Lane, Jodi Drive, Gaye Lane, Lori Lane and Rige Hill Road (Parker Farms Estates), seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mayor Dickinson commented that Parker Farms Estates roads are funded for \$150,000 in the budget for repair and the reason for review tonight is that those streets which are 15 years old have never been accepted by the town. In order to repair them, they must be accepted. The lawsuit involved was brought to a conclusion by the Town Attorney's Office and a judgment of about \$6,000 was paid.

Mrs. Papale asked about the flooding problem in that area and Mr. Costello indicated that time has healed some of the wounds but erosion is still occurring and some of the homeowners are still experiencing severe erosion. Mayor Dickinson was in the area with Mr. Costello earlier this spring in response to a call from one of the homeowners and the cement blocks are being undermined. It is a matter which will have to be addressed in the future.

Mr. Holmes felt that a check from the builder in the amount of \$6,125 hardly seemed fair since the town has appropriated \$150,000 for work in the Parker Farms Estates area and in the future, he suggested taking a look at builders and who is conscientious and who is not before land is developed and instituting controls to avoid this problem in the future. A great deal of money will be spent on roads which were not correctly installed.

Mr. Killen asked how the settlement of \$6,125 was arrived at and Mr. Costello stated that the cost had to be based on the work that was not completed at the time in the early 70's and that is not necessarily the replacement cost today. The poor workmanship that was buried is now coming to the surface, literally. The bond posted was called and the monies used to correct some of the problems. Mr. Killen asked for the documentation detailing this matter.

Mr. Gessert suggested that the town not entertain any proposals from a developer with whom the town has had problems until all their responsibilities on existing projects are met. Mr. McManus indicated that this is not possible. Mr. Costello indicated that the problem really began when P & Z failed to heed the advice of the Town Engineer at that time. His letter of May, 1965 predicted almost to a T what would happen at Parker Farms Estates and it did happen.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried. (Mrs. Bergamini and Mr. Holmes stated they were voting aye only for the sake of the residents in that area and Mr. Krupp indicated that his vote was under protest.)

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of Sections 1, 2 and 3 of High Hill Acres, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Mrs. Bergamini has been to High Hill Acres and does not want to accept these streets and asked Mr. Costello why she should. Mr. Costello stated he made an inspection in May, 1984 and recommended acceptance. Since this item was tabled by the Council, another inspection was made and two areas of broken curbing existed and many areas of marred curbing which occurred during development. Mr. Costello has asked P & Z to increase the bond for each site when permits are obtained so damage to curbing is included and this bond is not to be released until the Engineering Department makes an inspection.

Mrs. Bergamini is reluctant to accept this area since she feels that once accepted, a resident will call and report that damage was down by town trucks. She also pointed out that there is considerable mud and debris on Wisk-key Wind Road and Miss Bush indicated that this is addressed by requesting posting of a bond before a building permit is issued, in the amount of \$1,000. Mrs. Bergamini felt that a brand new development should not require money spent by the town to repair broken curbing, etc. Mr. Killen felt that there is not enough personnel to stay on top of these projects and there is an existing ordinance. 575

Vote: Council members Diana, Papale, Polanski and Rys voted aye; Bergamini, Gessert, Holmes and Killen voted no; Mr. Krupp was not present for the vote; the motion did not carry.

Mr. Gessert stated that if the curbing is repaired, he will vote for acceptance.

Mr. Diana respected the right of people to vote no but felt that the Council should be listening to Mr. Costello and Miss Bush. Mrs. Bergamini has a great deal of respect for Mr. Costello and mentioned that he has gone on record many times when P & Z has waived sidewalks and at the last meeting, sidewalks were again waived in spite of the fact that they are mandatory within a mile of a school.

A member of the audience who did not identify himself stated that the Mayor, as safety director, can override Planning & Zoning on the sidewalk issue. Mr. Gessert felt that idea should be researched and Mrs. Bergamini felt that if in fact the Mayor can overrule P & Z, it should be done. There is a problem in the North Airline Road area where sidewalks were waived, over the protest of many residents and the Town Attorney. Mayor Dickinson said he would be happy to look into this matter and determine if he has the power to override a P & Z decision to waive sidewalks.

Mr. Polanski moved to establish A/C 503-005-General Improvements-Parker Farms Estates, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Krupp who was not present for the vote; motion duly carried.

Mr. Polanski moved to amend General Fund Revenues A/C 704 by increasing from \$150 to \$6,275 (an increase of \$6,125) and amend General Fund Expenditure A/C 503-005 and appropriate \$6,125 to same. Mr. Diana seconded the motion.

Mr. Gessert explained that this settlement of \$6,125 is a mere pittance of what must be spent to correct the problems in that area. Mr. Killen said the September financial statement shows that the money has already been deposited and Mr. Myers noted he did deposit the money when it was received from the Town Attorney.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Krupp who was not present for the vote; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gessert commented on Mayor Dickinson's letter of 10/15/84 and the request from SCOW to utilize space in the Railroad Station.

Mrs. Bergamini moved approval of office space at the Railroad Station to be used by the Spanish Community of Wallingford (SCOW), seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Gabriel Ramos, Jr., President, SCOW felt that the space at the Railroad Station would provide more opportunities for contact and the building in which they are located is up for sale. Mrs. Papale noted that this request was for 1 year and asked if a lease was considered. Mr. Cretella felt that the intention was to permanently locate there. Mr. Cretella simply obtains a permit for use of his space and he does not have a lease. Mr. Ramos stated he would prefer to avoid the situation of rent. Carmen Cuillen stated they would be paying toward maintenance and Mr. Ramos said this is their only obligation.

Mr. Holmes noted in Mr. Ramos' 9/24/84 letter that 3 space heaters will be used and felt that the Fire Marshal must approve this and Mayor Dickinson indicated that there is no question that this must be approved by the Fire Marshal. The Mayor also indicated that storm windows are being considered for this structure.

Mr. Cretella will welcome SCOW into that building since he and SCOW service many of the same people and they will complement each other. Mr. Diana asked if a sign will be posted on the Railroad Station since increasing visibility was a reason given for the move. Mr. Ramos said that had not been discussed and visibility would be increased simply by proximity to Adult Ed. Mr. Diana would object to putting a sign on the Railroad Station. Mr. Diana also asked if any existing functions or programs would be displaced and Mr. Cretella indicated that the area SCOW would use is one used by Adult Ed for small classroom space.

Mr. Polanski asked if there was any breakdown available of how much state funds go to the Spanish community in Wallingford since this program is not strictly limited to the Spanish but is open to others. Do people in town know that these funds are available for the entire town? Carmen Guillen stated that literature is being distributed through Adult Ed and an article appeared in the paper 3 weeks ago. Mr. Gessert felt that an effort should be made to bring this knowledge to the general public.

Mr. Killen asked about the two new gas furnaces installed in the early 70's and Mr. Cretella indicated it is an awkward building to heat.

Mr. Musso asked how people are being helped in this program and Mr. Cretella stated that presently over 80 people are enrolled in English classes and Americanization classes are offered for those wishing to become American citizens. The town must provide all of these services by law and it is not simply something done out of the generosity of the Town of Wallingford.

Mr. Killen asked if the \$750 was forthcoming and Mr. Gessert felt that since the building will have to be cleaned on a daily basis, the \$750 will be a contribution toward the cleaning. Mayor Dickinson pointed out that item 12(a) includes a \$2,600 transfer for cleaning of the Railroad Station by Public Works and the cost for the year will be approximately \$6,000. Adult Ed will contribute \$900 and SCOW \$750 for the 1984/85 fiscal year. The copier and space heaters would be funded from the balance of the \$1,500 funded for rent by the State of Connecticut. Mr. Killen felt there should be an agreement rather than a lease and Mr. Gessert suggested that Mr. Killen meet with the SCOW representatives and the Town Attorney to discuss an agreement. Mr. Donald Roe felt that this matter should have been handled administratively and space at the Railroad Station is obtained through Mr. Shepardson's office. Mr. Gessert pointed out that long-term designated use of town property is a matter normally brought before the Council.

Mr. Cretella asked why the arrangement with SCOW would be any different from any other group since the Park and Recreation Department issues permits for long-term and short-term use of this facility. Mr. Gessert stated that any agreement for long-term permanent type use belongs before the Town Council and referred to the VNA lease at Simpson School. Mayor Dickinson pointed out that Adult Education is a town agency and he does not believe that SCOW qualifies as a town agency and an outside agency would require an agreement.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Krupp who was not present for the vote; motion duly carried.

Mr. Rys read his letter dated 10/9/84, agenda item (7).

Police Chief Bevan reviewed the letter and agreed that it certainly makes sense. The Chief referred to an evaluation of the D.W.I. program and introduced Sargeant McNeil who is in charge of the detail. Copies of the D.W.I. Enforcement Proposal, short-term and long-term were distributed to the Town Council and is attached to these minutes as Exhibit I, page 1 of 2 through page 2 of 2.

Sargeant McNeil explained how the pilot program was staffed for 4 consecutive weekends (Friday and Saturday) during January and February, 1984. 16 arrests were made, approximately 2 per night, for a 5 hour period. Patrol officers made 14 arrests for a 1 month period. The program was very successful and received a great deal of visibility. Two methods were used--random patrols and spot checks. The accident rate for that period did fall from 151 in 1983 to 118 in 1984 (non weather related accidents). During the actual hours that the D.W.I. team was on the road, the accidents fell from 13 to 7. Sargeant McNeil does not know how valid this was for such a short term, but there was a difference noted. It was very beneficial for the Police Department as a whole and activity was heightened for drunk drivers. It is felt that another program will also be successful.

Mr. Gessert thanked Chief Bevan and Sargeant McNeil for coming this evening during this difficult time for the Police Department. 577
He expressed appreciation of their pursuing this matter in time for this meeting. Enforcement does get attention and does help to address the problem as is evidenced by the recent crackdown on speeders in the state.

Chief Bevan reviewed the D.W.I. ENFORCEMENT PROPOSAL which is attached to and made a part of these minutes, EXHIBIT I, page 1 of 2 and page 2 of 2.

Mr. Gessert felt that this proposal is an excellent one and will address the problem. Mrs. Bergamini asked what happens when a really drunk driver is picked up and Sargeant McNeil explained that two officers bring this individual in who is advised of his rights, given the tests, an opportunity to make a phone call, post a \$500 bond and the drunk driver is then either placed in a lockup or released on bond. If he refuses to take a test or fails the test, his license is suspended for 24 hours, by state law. Mrs. Bergamini felt that loss of a licence for 30 days would have a greater impact and Mr. Gessert indicated that it is up to the court system.

Mrs. Papale asked about classes attended by persons picked up for drunk driving and Sargeant McNeil said that a first time offender has the opportunity to apply for a pretrial alcohol rehabilitation class, 8 classes. Upon successful completion, the case is dismissed in court and there is no record of being arrested for drunk driving. Mr. Gessert pointed out that this school has a great many dropouts.

Mr. Holmes applauded this type of action and felt the residents of town also will and mentioned that the life we save may be our own. This is a very worthy program and Councilman Rys was commended for bringing this item to the Council.

Mr. Diana asked what percentage of actual spot checks will occur between 10 p.m. and 3 a.m. and Sargeant McNeil felt this will be up to the men in charge. Mr. Diana felt that spot checks will be more effective. Chief Bevan agreed that spot checks are very effective and roving patrols are also.

Mr. Rys asked if premise checks at local bars would be continued and the Chief indicated they also can be continued. Mr. Rys felt that this D.W.I. Enforcement Program can complement the S.A.D.D. and R.I.D. groups.

Mr. Gessert noted for the record the letter from Ed Marcantonio endorsing this concept.

Mr. Musso asked how the distinction was made between drunk driving and under the influence of drugs and Sargeant McNeil explained that the statute is titled, "Operating under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs." It is the same charge but a urine test may be selected to detect drugs.

Mrs. Nancy Ricci, R.I.D., distributed a document illustrating the loss of coordination after several drinks and felt that the time is right for such a program to be instituted.

Mr. Gessert asked Chief Bevan if he would like the Council to waive Rule V to consider a transfer for the \$2,600 needed to begin the program and the Chief felt it was a good idea.

Mrs. Bergamini waived Rule V to consider a transfer to implement the D.W.I. Enforcement Proposal, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Krupp who was not present for the vote; motion duly carried.

Mr. Rys moved a transfer of \$2,600 from A/C201A-120 to 201AI-140, Police Department, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Krupp who was not present for the vote; motion duly carried.

While still under waiver of Rule V, Mr. Gessert read a letter from Wilma Jacunski pertaining to project "SAFE HOMES," requesting an endorsement of this concept by the Wallingford Town Council. Mrs. Jacunski explained that basically, parents are being asked to sign a pledge that if a party is held in their homes, a responsible adult will be present and no alcohol or drugs will be permitted, there will be a no crashing policy, etc. This is a parent to parent effort to support responsible behavior on the part of their children. Mr. Gessert felt it is a wise program for the Council to endorse.

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Mrs. Jacunski informed the Council that on 11/15/84 at Sheehan High School auditorium the Drug Task Force is sponsoring a presentation entitled, "Not My Kid" and 2 speakers who began this program in New Jersey will be present. It is a prevention program and it is hoped to have a very good turnout. The program will begin at 7 p.m.

Mr. Holmes moved Town Council endorsement of the "SAFE HOMES" project, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Krupp who was not present for the vote; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gessert mentioned that he had a request from Mayor Dickinson to waive Rule V to discuss a proposal regarding the Taber House.

Mrs. Bergamini moved to waive Rule V for the purpose of discussing a Taber House proposal, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Krupp who was not present for the vote; motion duly carried.

Mayor Dickinson explained that he received a call from Richard J. Belliveau on 10/19/84 asking the Mayor for an opportunity to discuss this proposal for the Taber House. Mr. Belliveau has been working with Paul S. Pizzo of Wallingford. The Library Board of Managers were notified.

Mr. Belliveau thanked the Council for the opportunity to address this subject. He explained that he and Mr. Lee Baldieri are partners in a commercial collection agency presently located in Bridgeport. Their present quarters are very crowded and they must move and that is why they are anxious to present this item. He also feels that another winter could be disastrous to the Taber House and it is their intent to bring the house back to the original state. Their intent is to buy the house, lease the land and at the end of a period of time, give the Taber House back to Wallingford as a historical monument. The house will be restored with their own funds and returned to the town in 30 years. Mr. Belliveau felt that once they have the house, parking should not be a problem since John Wooding will loan or rent parking space to them. The financing will be private. Action is requested within the next month or so.

PROPOSAL FOR SIMPSON TABER RESIDENCE IS ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES - EXHIBIT II, page 1 of 10 through 10 of 10.

Mrs. Marylou Williams, President of the Wallingford Public Library Association explained that the Taber House is part of their leasehold and they have an interest in retaining control and a stake in what is used for. It would appear that the Council's thinking is shifting from the motion to move the Taber House from its present site. The Association spent association money to hire Mr. Arnold R. Gustavson, LML Architects, 2385 Main Street, Stratford, CT 06497 in the interest of having an objective report and details of what had to be done to the house to make it useable for library purposes now or in the future. If the thinking has changed to the point where the house remains, then indeed it does represent the library's expansion room in the future and there are definite structural requirements that would be necessary. Mrs. Williams asked that the Council give careful study to her letter of 10/22/84 and LML Architects Survey dated September, 1984. In the last administration, a joint committee was formed between the Library Board and Town Council to field any proposals and Mrs. Williams feels very sad that only one member of that committee was present in the Mayor's Office when discussion arose. It is in the interest of everyone to keep that committee intact and operating.

Mrs. Williams read her 10/22/84 letter to Mayor Dickinson which is attached to and made a part of these minutes, EXHIBIT III, page 1 of 2 and page 2 of 2.

Mrs. Jeanne Holmes indicated that she would like an opportunity to respond to Mrs. Williams letter which the Historic District has not seen and also mentioned that the roadblocks to the preservation of the Taber House are never ending by the Library Committee. Mrs. Williams felt that the Library Committee has removed the roadblocks. 579

Mayor Dickinson felt it would be in the interest of everyone to set up a schedule to make a determination on this matter since Mr. Belliveau is in a position of having to make a move. The Mayor felt there is plenty of room to work out the problems and the potential for moving ahead is very good and this matter should not be left up in the air. Mr. Paul Pizzo hopes that this proposal can be discussed at length within the next two weeks and a yes or no commitment can be made. The actual lease and cost estimates can be discussed after that time. Mrs. Williams reminded everyone that any decision made must be a joint decision between the Library Board of Managers and the Wallingford Town Council.

Mr. Krupp asked for a legal opinion from the Town Attorney's Office on exactly what the Council is empowered to do vs. what the Library Board of Managers is empowered to do vs. what they both jointly can do and asked that this opinion be available before the next meeting of the Town Council. Mayor Dickinson felt that an agreement should be worked out before 11/13/84 and then a proposal made. Mr. Gessert felt that Thursday, November 8, 1984 would be an appropriate time for a meeting and a decision will be made at that time.

Mr. Belliveau pointed out that he does not want to push the Council and agreed to a meeting on 11/8/84. Mr. Krupp asked why the Council received on 10/23/84 a document dated 9/7/84 if time is an urgent factor. Mr. Belliveau stated that this document was drafted on 9/7/84 and there was a meeting with the Mayor and Library Board and the proposal was changed on 10/22/84 but the date was not changed. The Mayor explained that this proposal was discussed as well as another proposal to move the house but because the cost to move it was \$25,000 to \$30,000, it was not considered practical and it was also not known if the house could be moved before next spring. The Mayor also requested preliminary discussion before 11/8/84. Mr. Pizzo asked who would insure that both sides will meet for preliminary discussion and Mr. Gessert suggested arranging this meeting through Mayor Dickinson.

Mr. Killen is not prepared to attack this matter within 2 or even 3 weeks since the position of the Council members and the Library Board of the Joint Committee on the Taber House are opposed. Mr. Killen felt that the entire Council should be included. Mayor Dickinson felt that the Library Board can accommodate what is being proposed and at the point that the Library Board and these gentlemen reach an agreement, is there anyone on the Council who will be opposed? Mrs. Bergamini and Mrs. Papale felt that there may be some opposition on the Council. Mr. Gessert felt that another attempt should be made to accomplish a decision on this matter.

Mrs. Bergamini asked if the same Town Attorney's opinion was in effect stating that the Taber House can only be used for library purposes. The Mayor felt that if the Library Board of Managers is willing to release that portion of their lease for another use for a period of time, that could be part of this agreement and it is a legal technicality. A suitable arrangement should be worked out at a special meeting in the interest of moving the matter.

Mrs. Williams felt that there other interested parties and the Library Board should not be forced to change their lease just because someone is forced to find a new business location within 2 weeks. Mrs. Williams does not believe that changing the lease is a viable concept.

Mr. Gessert noted that a meeting will be held on 11/8/84 at 7 p.m.

Mr. Gessert moved to item (8), Status Report from the Police Station Building Committee.

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Mr. William Fischer introduced Mr. Foti Diamon of Kaestle Boos and Mr. John Fries of C.F. Wooding Company. Mr. Fischer pointed out that the only thing which has gone out to bid was the communication system. Kaestle Boos has designed the building and the construction manager has put a price tag on everything within the building. Cosmetic changes were recommended to reduce the cost and a document illustrating the changes made to bring the cost down to \$1,501,185 was distributed to the Council. The packages are ready to go out to bid now through Purchasing and it is possible that the \$1,501,185 may be lower. Mr. Krupp asked if any figures may come in higher and Mr. Fischer stated that the costs were figured high.

Mr. Fischer pointed out that there are 30 different item changes and EXHIBIT V, page 1 of 3 through page 3 of 3 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Rys asked how many cells are planned and Mr. Fischer stated there will be 5 with space allotted for 4 more since space is available. Converting the existing pistol range at the Armory has been eliminated. Mrs. Bergamini could not accept the fact that a pistol range was eliminated and Mr. Fischer indicated it was never really a top priority of the whole committee. Mr. Killen stated that this was one of the reasons he asked for this report to determine just what was considered a priority. Mr. Fischer indicated that all other changes are simply cosmetic.

Mr. Killen pointed to items 17 through 21 and mentioned that it may be a saving now but what will the cost be 5 years from now? It seems to be a penny wise and pound foolish measure and he would like to see all the alternatives now and the thinking behind these changes.

Chief Bevan explained that the \$230,000 cost of purchasing the Armory came out of the \$2,100,000 allotted for the renovation so in essence, the \$2,100,000 did not exist and the report detailing refurbishing is 2 years old and costs have escalated since then.

Mr. Killen suggested that these changes be discussed with the Council to obtain their input and Chief Bevan suggested arranging a meeting through the Mayor's Office for this purpose.

Mr. Polanski noted that item 18 is epoxy paint and this cleans very well. Mr. Diamon agreed there will be increased maintenance involved with some of the changes but performance will not be affected. Mr. Polanski asked what determined the \$9,000 cost per cell. Mr. Diamon indicated that plumbing will be provided.

Mr. Krupp stated that he is totally, adamantly and unalterably opposed to the elimination of a pistol range. Use of weapons is a necessary part of a policeman's job. In addition, there is a consideration that within the purview of the Police Department for anyone applying for a pistol permit in Wallingford, there is a policy by which they would like to check the individual's capability and expertise with a handgun but currently, facilities are not available. This is one of the key factors looked at when considering the new facility. Mr. Fischer stated that the committee will meet and review everything again. Mr. Krupp does not consider elimination of the pistol range cosmetic--it is a functional item. Mr. Fischer will have another meeting to review the changes and pointed out that the committee will not return to ask the Council for more money for this project and it will be kept within the funds allocated.

Mrs. Papale felt that the committee has not returned to the Council since it was made quite clear that the committee would not receive any additional money from the Council. She also felt that the pistol range was not a big problem since there is a range in Wallingford where the police practice at Blue Trail and outside practice is preferable to inside practice.

Mr. Fischer explained that within the next 2 weeks, Purchasing will be putting 30 different bid packages out to bid and once they come in, an exact estimate will be available and if there is money available, a pistol range can be put back in.

Mr. Rys asked if elimination of items 8 and 9 would mean that 5 years from now, the town would face the cost and Mr. Diamon explained that absolutely defective joints would be replaced and brick cleaning would be confined to the entry as opposed to the entire building. Portions of the roof would be repaired and not the entire roof. Proper depth of gravel fill will be used and in the future, more money will be available. Mr. Rys felt that this approach will be more costly in the long run. Mr. Fischer suggested that Public Works Department can be utilized at a better price. 581

Mr. Holmes felt that the best station that can be built for the money available should be considered and a \$60,000 pistol range now could certainly cost considerably more in the future.

Mr. Diana is disappointed with the direction this is taking and feels it is becoming a penny wise-pound foolish approach. This project should be done properly the first time around. A pistol range is very important to maintaining the high level of professionalism on the police force which should be continued. If areas which will be vital to protection of the police department are being cut, we are falling short of the mark. Mr. Diana would prefer to have the committee return to the Council requesting additional funds and let the Council make the determination.

Mr. Killen suggested that the committee return to the Council with any items necessary in spite of the fact that additional money may be needed. Mr. Diamon felt that cutting back on the scope of the project was the wrong approach and specific areas could be isolated and materials changed--the pistol range was the one item that was an exception to that approach. The list of 30 items was given to Kaestle Boos by the construction manager for consideration. Mr. Killen appreciated this information and requested more information as the bids are received.

Mayor Dickinson asked what amount of money is entailed if Public Works did the paving which is considered for elimination. If it comes out of one budget, it must be put in another.

Mr. Gessert asked what the current status of the bids was and Mr. Diamon stated that the plans and specifications will be delivered to Purchasing on 10/24/84--it is anticipated that bids will be released 3 at a time for a total of 36 bids. It will take 2 to 3 weeks before quotes are received. Mr. Gessert was told that the bid specifications would be delivered last week and asked what was holding this up. Mr. Diamon stated the prints will be received on 10/24/84 since the original prints are no longer valid because of the amended changes. Mr. Fries indicated that the sequence of bids has been established and Mr. Gessert suggested that the Purchasing receive at least 5 bids at a time to expedite this matter. If additional manpower is required to type the bids, it will be provided. Mayor Dickinson indicated that overtime is still available in Purchasing if it needs to be utilized. The Mayor requested that his office be notified at the points the bids are received to be sure they get priority.

Mr. Diamon pointed out that 3 bids are scheduled to be released per day by the Purchasing Department and Mr. Gessert suggested that the process can be shortened by releasing 6 bids per day and recommended that the Mayor can help with this matter.

Mr. Gessert pointed out that \$230,000 for site acquisition does leave less money for the entire project. Mr. Musso reminded the Council that if this project runs one penny over budget, he will bring a suit against the Police Department. He also felt that the bonding costs should be included within the \$2,100,000. He felt that Parker Farms School would have been a better location for the police station and purchasing the Armory was a poor move.

Mayor Dickinson pointed out that items 18, 19 and 21 are a concern to Mr. Deak because of the continued upkeep if these items are changed. Mr. Deak feels that it will be a costly matter in the future if these items are changed and Mr. Gessert suggested that Mr. Fischer discuss this matter with Mr. Deak.

Mrs. Bergamini read and Mr. Krupp moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Norris Andrews has served as Executive Director of the Regional Planning Agency and Executive Secretary of the Regional Council of Elected Officials for over 20 years, and

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in the formation and development of the Quinnipiac Valley Development Corporation, and

WHEREAS, through the various organizations in which he was involved, he had a major impact on this region and certainly on the Town of Wallingford, and

WHEREAS, the Toelles Road Bridge Project was accomplished primarily through the efforts of the Regional Planning Agency, the Regional Council of Elected Officials and the coordination of the Federal Aid Urban System (FAUS), and

WHEREAS, Norris Andrews was the first director of any Regional Planning Agency in the State to develop human service planning capability and the human service programs in Wallingford and the region reflect his interest in planning ability, and

WHEREAS, he was committed not only to planning but to the implementation of such plans and was instrumental throughout the region in bringing many plans to fruition.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town Council of the Town of Wallingford hereby recognizes and commends Norris for his long and dedicated service to the South Central Connecticut region and the Town of Wallingford and that government officials and the people of the Town of Wallingford wish Norris Andrews a long and happy retirement.

Mr. Holmes seconded the resolution.

Mr. Gessert asked that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. Andrews. Mrs. Bergamini wished that everyone had listened to Norris Andrews and the flooding and erosion which currently exists would have been eliminated.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Messrs. Polanski and Rys who were not present for the vote; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gessert read Mr. Roe's 10/17/84 letter, agenda item (10).

Mr. Krupp moved the requested changes on pages 46 and 152 of the 1984-85 Annual Budget and a change in the designated manpower from 3 to 4. It is significant to note that there is no dollar change. Mr. Roe does a magnificent job and has for many years. Mr. Polanski seconded the motion.

Mrs. Bergamini asked how a change of additional 5 minutes to the school day could bring this change about. Mr. Roe had to leave the meeting and the Mayor explained that another position is opened up because the students are not available for the number of hours originally planned. Mr. Killen could not understand how an additional 5 minutes could affect this matter.

Mr. Killen moved to table the subject of consideration of a change in the Work Study Program requested by Donald W. Roe. Mr. Diana seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Holmes who was not present for the vote; motion duly carried.

Mayor Dickinson explained that help is needed in Public Works and asked why the Council has taken this action. Mr. Killen asked what type of people are being obtained for these jobs and the Mayor explained that this person did work for Public Works this summer and Mr. Deak was interested in filling this position. It is only a difference of 3 hours, between 12 and 15, and the Mayor feels Mr. Roe's judgment should be respected. Mr. Gessert felt that Mr. Roe could provide a better explanation.

Mrs. Bergamini moved to remove from the table the subject of consideration of a change in the Work Study Program, seconded by Mr. Gessert.

Vote: Council members Bergamini, Diana, Gessert and Papale voted aye; Messrs. Killen and Rys voted no; Holmes, Krupp and Polanski were not present for the vote; the motion did not carry.

Mr. Polanski moved to note for the record the financial statements of the Electric, Water and Sewer Divisions for the month of September, 1984, seconded by Mr. Holmes. 583

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Bergamini, Krupp and Papale who were not present for the vote; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gessert explained that a transfer of \$2,600 is requested by Mr. Deak for additional cleaning of the Railroad Station facility.

Mr. Polanski moved a transfer of \$2,600 from 503-300 to 511-629, Public Works, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Killen pointed that a man for 52 days per year costs \$1,200 and adding 242 days only doubles the amount of money required. Mr. Deak pointed out that Adult Ed will donate \$900 and SCOW \$750. Mr. Killen stated that the bid should be waived and all monies in place before approving this matter since a contract with the janitorial service of \$4,250 should not be signed before all the monies are in place because the town could be put in a position of absorbing a loss of money. Mr. Deak stated that the contract entered into will be for \$2,600.

Mr. Rys asked how many people use the Railroad Station and Mr. Deak said that Amtrak patrons use the facility as well as various organizations located there. Mr. Holmes felt that the Council should approve this transfer because it is necessary to keep this facility clean for health purposes.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Krupp who was not present for the vote; motion duly carried.

Mayor Dickinson indicated he would check on the matter of waiving the bid for this item.

Mrs. Bergamini moved a transfer of \$2,000 from 503-300 to 505-540, Public Works, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Mr. Killen asked how much gas & oil has been purchased and Mr. Deak stated that nearly the entire year's supply at a fixed price.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Krupp who was not present for the vote; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved a transfer of \$3,600 from C504-01 to 505-540, Public Works, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Gessert asked when the snow plow trucks would be received and Mr. Deak said the target date was 11/9/84 but unfortunately, Mack is on strike.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Krupp who was not present for the vote; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini asked Mr. Deak if Public Works maintains the fields at Moses Y. Beach, Dag Hammarskjold and Pat Wall Field with reimbursement from the Board of Ed. Mayor Dickinson explained that \$3,100 was used for the contract to upgrade the fields rather than the entire amount used for maintenance. Mrs. Bergamini felt that the burden placed on Public Works for this maintenance is not fair since they have many other projects in the works.

Mr. Krupp removed the subject of the proposed 5 year yease to Visiting Nurse Association of Wallingford, Inc. from the table, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gessert explained that clause 10 was added allowing the town to terminate the lease upon six months notice to VNA. Miss Lemay felt that their present location is ideal and in the event the building is considered for sale, she would like to request similar quarters. Mr. Killen referred to clause 6 and asked about the condition of the structural portion of the building, particularly the roof and furnace. Mr. Deak will make roof patches and the boiler is working fine presently. Miss Lemay indicated that Mr. Deak responds very quickly to calls for maintenance.

Mr. Rys commented that the doors to Simpson School are left open in the evening allowing much heat to escape and Mr. Deak promised to install a door closer. Mr. Rys suggested notifying Vinnie Wasilewski of this matter to be sure the doors are kept closed. Mr. Killen suggested that a stop be used to keep doors unlocked for evening meetings rather than keeping them wide open.

Mrs. Bergamini moved approval of a 5 year least to Visiting Nurse Association of Wallingford, Inc., seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gessert read Mayor Dickinson's letter dated 10/11/84, agenda item (14).

Mr. Polanski moved the following budget amendment to accept a \$400 donation to the Auxiliary Police from the Meriden Police Union:

Appropriate to A Revenue Budget A/C 704 Miscellaneous Revenue \$400

Appropriate to B Expenditure Budget A/C 209-476 Police Supplies \$400

Mr. Krupp seconded the motion.

Mr. Polanski noted that the Auxiliary Police has been mandated by the state to take additional training although the Auxiliary Police receive no compensation for their work. How will this additional 480 hours of training affect the volunteers? Mr. Frattini explained that an organization was formed, "Connecticut State Association of Part Time and Volunteer Police Officers." Mr. Frattini felt that within 2 years, there will be no auxiliaries. Many of the subjects which must be taken are not performed by the auxiliary. The state was informed and an effort was made to cut the hours down. Auxiliaries are broken down into 3 categories. The law is good but many auxiliary will drop out because of the amount of time needed for additional training. Mr. Gessert asked how the Council could help and Mr. Frattini stated he is looking for legislative support.

Mr. Rys wanted everyone to know that this legislation was rail-roaded in during the last legislative session and the fact that state police auxiliaries are not obligated to take this training. Mayor Dickinson asked who sponsored this action and Mr. Frattini explained that a constable in a small town made an improper arrest and the state felt that a training program should be instituted.

Mr. Krupp understands that this law applies to any who exercises constabulary powers under state statute and the reason auxiliaries are affected is because they are appointed constables of Wallingford as well as other duties and, therefore, they exercise constabulary powers. Mr. Frattini indicated that this would not apply to elected constables in town but would apply to special constables and it applies to auxiliary police who do not have powers of arrest. Mr. Krupp stated that there is no ordinance in Wallingford which governs constabulary powers.

Mr. Frattini presented Mr. Gessert with a document prepared by the Connecticut State Association of Part-Time and Volunteer Police, Inc./Multi-Level Certification for Policy by Peter Jay Gould, Vice President which was submitted to The Connecticut Municipal Police Training Council, 285 Preston Avenue, Meriden, CT 06450. Copies will be made and distributed to the entire Council. Mr. Gessert said that the Council will review the report and offer any support they can to the Auxiliary Police.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Rys who passed; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gessert suggested waiving the bid on agenda item (15).

Mrs. Bergamini moved to waive the bid to allow use of the town accountants to assist in record keeping process in the Comptroller's Office. Mr. Rys seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Krupp moved to establish a new line item A/C 140-900, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Killen who voted no and Mr. Diana who left the meeting.

Mr. Krupp approved a transfer of \$3,500 from 140-120 to 140-900, Comptroller's Office, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Killen who voted no and Mr. Diana who left the meeting.

Mr. Polanski explained that he asked for the CURRENT OPEN POSITIONS document so that the Council would know which positions have not been filled. 575

Mr. Holmes moved acceptance of the 10/4/84 Town Council special meeting minutes, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Krupp who passed and Mr. Diana who was not present; motion duly carried.

Mr. Killen moved acceptance of the Town Council meeting minutes dated 10/9/84, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Diana who was not present; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gessert pointed out that item (19) was removed from the agenda.

Mr. Rys moved that the meeting go into executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini, at 11:35 p.m.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Diana who was not present; motion duly carried.

Mr. Krupp moved that the meeting come out of executive session at 12:05 a.m., seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Diana who was not present; motion duly carried.

A motion to adjourn was duly made, seconded and carried and the meeting adjourned at 12:05 a.m. There were no votes recorded after the executive session.

Delores B. Fetta
Council Secretary

Approved David A. Gessert
David A. Gessert, Council Chairman

November 13, 1984
Date

Rosemary A. Rascati
Rosemary A. Rascati, Town Clerk

November 13, 1984
Date

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D.W.I. ENFORCEMENT PROPOSAL

PROGRAM: Operating Under the Influence - "Pilot Program".

PURPOSE: To detect and apprehend intoxicated drivers through the use of a two-man D.W.I. enforcement team.

OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES:

The two-man D.W.I. enforcement team will operate on Friday and Saturday nights from 10:00 p.m. until 3:00 a.m. This program will operate for two months or sixteen days. The positions in the D.W.I. team will be filled by overtime assignment and will not draw personnel from the patrol division, depleting its strength.

Officers assigned to the D.W.I. team will report in uniform and will patrol individually in marked police vehicles. Officers will utilize two methods to identify drunk drivers:

1. Random Patrol - Officers will patrol observing for driving clues, such as, excessive or slow speeds, improper turns, or other traffic violations indicative of an intoxicated driver.
2. Spot Checks - Officers will set up D.W.I. spot checks, stopping traffic on designated streets to identify drunk drivers. Officers will maintain concern regarding safety, courtesy, and time of detention while conducting spot checks.

D.W.I. team officers will also be available to assist patrol officers with processing their drunk driving arrests.

SUPERVISION: Officers assigned to the D.W.I. enforcement program will be under the supervision of the Desk Officer and Patrol Supervisor.

At the conclusion of the program, a written evaluation will be prepared and submitted to the Chief of Police by Sgt. Donald McNeil.

COST: The D.W.I. Enforcement Program will utilize approximately 160 overtime hours with an estimated cost of \$2,600.

PUBLICITY: A press release will be composed and distributed to local newspapers at the initiation of the D.W.I. Program.

D.W.I. ENFORCEMENT PROPOSAL

PROGRAM: Operating Under the Influence Enforcement Program

PURPOSE: To allow the Police Department to combat the drunk driving problem on a long-term basis by assigning two additional patrolmen to the Traffic Division.

OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES:

The Traffic Division will operate the D.W.I. team using the existing personnel and the additional patrolmen transferred there. This will allow the patrol division to operate without depletion of its compliment of officers. It will also ensure that adequate staffing is available for the D.W.I. team.

The Traffic Division supervisor will develop statistical data to allow the operation of the D.W.I. team at the optimum times and places for D.W.I. enforcement. The Traffic supervisor will also compile arrest records and other records needed for future use.

Officers assigned to the special-enforcement project will patrol individually in marked police vehicles. They will utilize both random patrol and spot checks to detect and apprehend drunk drivers. The department's video tape and intoximeter will be used during booking procedures.

SUPERVISION: The D.W.I. team will come under the supervision of the Traffic Division (A & I) supervisor.

CONSIDERATIONS: There are several major advantages to assigning officers on a permanent basis to the Traffic Division. It ensures that the Town has a long-term commitment toward the drunk driver problem. It will allow the patrol division to operate without draining its manpower. The program will also permit the selection of the most capable officers who have an interest in D.W.I. enforcement.

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Lesser considerations in assignment to additional officers to the Traffic Division are that officers could also assist in accident investigation and other enforcement programs such as truck enforcement and selective enforcement.

**PROPOSAL
FOR
SIMPSON TABER RESIDENCE
WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT**

BY

**Paul S. Pizzo
on behalf of
The Simpson Taber Rehabilitation Group**

SEPTEMBER 7, 1984

INTRODUCTION

This proposal being presented to the Town of Wallingford is for the restoration and rehabilitation of the Simpson Taber House at its present location on North Main Street in Wallingford, Conn. It is the intention of this group to restore the Taber house to its original condition. All exposed woodwork and detail that makes this building historically significant will be retained. The building is ultimately to be decorated with furnishings of the same period and could be periodically opened for public use. The building is in the process of being placed on the National Register of Historic Landmarks.

PROGRAM

The building will be used by a business organization that does not rely on exposure to the general public on a daily basis. Parking for visitors would be minimal at best. The many individual rooms lends itself well to the private offices that will be required by this type of business. The front rooms of the building will be used for occasional conferences and also will be made available to the Town for informal gatherings where the "Period Architecture" of the Simpson Taber House could provide a pleasant setting different from other town buildings.